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# MEETINGS OF SUBSIDIARY AND SECTORAL ORGANS OF THE COMMISSION

## Summary of recommendations and resolutions

1. This document summarizes the reports and resolutions adopted by the subsidiary and sectoral organs of the Commission which have held meetings since its last session.

## I. NINTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS OF INDUSTRY

2. The ninth meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Industry, jointly organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Organization of African Unity (OAU), was held in Harare, Zimbabwe from 29 to 31 May 1989.

3. The Conference considered the progress made in the industrialization of African countries and, particularly, the implementation of the Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA) programme as well as the role that industry played in the region's recovery and development. The Ministers also considered proposals made by the committee of intergovernmental experts and agreed on measures to be taken by member States, intergovernmental organizations and the international community as a whole so as to speed up Africa's industrialization.

4. The meeting adopted the following resolutions and decisions:

(a) Resolution 1(XVI): African common position on the third General Conference of UNIDO

5. This resolution was adopted as the African common position in view of negotiations at the third ordinary session of the General Conference of UNIDO.

6. This resolution includes:

(i) The annual reports of the Director-General for 1987 and 1988 on the work of the organization institutional arrangements of UNIDO for Africa;

(ii) New concepts and approaches for co-operation in respect to industrial development in conformity with Article 2(2) of the constitution of UNIDO;

(iii) The Industrial Development Decade for Africa, including the contribution of UNIDO to the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development, 1986-1990;

(iv) Technical assistance to the Namibian people;

(v) The external debt and industrial development;

(vi) Development and transfer of human resources, technology and development;

(vii) Economic and technical co-operation among developing countries (ECDC/TCDC);

(viii) Progress of industrialization in African least developed countries;

(ix) Programme and budgets of UNIDO.

(b) Resolution 717 (XXVI): Proclamation of a second industrial Development Decade for Africa and formulation of a programme for that Decade

7. This resolution contains the time-table for the preparation and adoption of a programme for the second IDDA.

(c) Resolution 718 (XXVI): UNIDO

8. This resolution assists UNIDO to tap and more African expertise in the technical assistance and other activities that it undertakes in Africa as well as to increasing the number of African nationals in the secretariat, particularly at the decision-making level and in the SIDFA programme.

(d) Resolution 719 (XXVI): Vote of thanks to the President, people, Part, and Government of Zimbabwe

9. The summary of the report as well as details on resolutions and decisions adopted are contained in document E/ANI.9/22/Rev.1.

## II. SEVENTH UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL CARTOGRAPHIC CONFERENCE FOR AFRICA

10. The Seventh United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Africa was held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, from 5 to 11 September 1990, in accordance with resolution 602 (XXIII) adopted in April 1982 by the ECA Conference of Ministers.

11. The Conference considered the status of topographical mapping in Africa as well as advances in cartographic and remote sensing techniques. It also considered issues relating to education, training and research in cartography and remote sensing for developing countries, the regional machinery for the co-ordination of linguistic divisions of the United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, implementation of resolutions and recommendations of the Sixth Conference as well as country and institutional reports.

12. The Conference adopted a recommendation concerning participants and heads of national cartographic institutions as well as resolutions on: the Eighth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Africa, the co-ordination of linguistic divisions for the standardization of geographical names, aid needed for training and acquisition of mapping and remote sensing equipment for African countries that need hydrographic surveying and nautical charting services and a nomenclature of undersea feature names.

13. The Conference also adopted a vote of thanks to the President, people and Government of Burkina Faso.

14. The account of proceedings as well as the recommendations and resolutions adopted are contained in document E/ECA/HPD/CHAM 1/2 of December 1989.

## III. FIFTH CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS

15. The fifth meeting of African Ministers of Social Affairs, jointly organized by the secretariats of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the Organization of the African Unity (OAU), was held in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, on 27 and 28 October 1989.

16. The Conference considered the following agenda items:

(a) The rules of procedure of the Conference;

(b) Activities of the secretariats since the fourth Conference;

(c) The African social situation and its implications for socio-economic development;

(d) The African Charter for Social Action; and

(e) Institutions under the Conference.

17. The Conference adopted resolutions on: the current status of the African family; the participation of youth in development; rural structural transformation and development in Africa; training of professional social workers for social development; particular attention to issues on social development programmes; women in development in Africa; the African Rehabilitation Institute; the situation of refugees, displaced persons and victims of natural disasters; the report on OAU secretariat activities; the African Centre for Applied Research and Training in Social Development; the African Charter for Social Action; and the decade of the African Child.

18. The Conference also adopted the rules of procedure of the African Ministers of Social Affairs; the African Charter for Social Action; an amendment to the Agreement establishing the African Rehabilitation Institute and an amendment to the Agreement establishing the African Centre for Applied Research and Training in Social Development.

19. The account of proceedings as well as the resolutions and decisions adopted are contained in document E/ECA/OAU/HPD/V/89.

## IV. SEVENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND PLANNING

20. The seventh meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning, was held on 13 and 14 November 1989 in Tangier, Morocco. The meeting considered the report of the meeting of experts which dealt with objectives, strategies and guidelines of UNTACDA II, progress report on the implementation of resolutions adopted by the sixth meeting of the Conference; implementation of the Yamoussoukro Declaration on a New African Air Transport Policy; Report of the Special Meeting of African Ministers of Maritime Transport; reports on the PANAFTEL network and the RASCOM project; the African Road Safety Congress as well as trans-African highways.

21. The meeting also considered and adopted the new time-table for the preparation of the second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa as well as resolutions on:

(a) Preparation of the programme for the second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;

(b) Implementation of the Yamoussoukro Declaration on a new African Air Transport Policy;

(c) Transport corridors in Africa;

(d) Trans-African highways and road safety in Africa; and

(e) The Regional African Satellite Communications System.

22. The account of proceedings and resolutions adopted are found in document E/ECA/CM.16/66.

## V. SIXTH MEETING OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

23. The sixth meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts for Science and Technology Development was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 5 to 10 November 1984.

24. The meeting considered issues arising from the report of the fifth Committee meeting held in 1982 as well as activities of the subregional working groups.

25. It also considered the progress made on the development and dissemination of rural technologies; the end-of-Decade review of the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology Development; laws governing patents in Africa as well as policies and mechanisms for the accelerated development and application of science and technology in Africa.

26. The meeting adopted a resolution on the strengthening of African capabilities for the development and application of science and technology in the 1990s.

27. The account of proceedings as well as the draft resolution are contained in document ST/IGLES/E/84/10.

## VI. FOURTH AFRICAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

28. The fourth African Regional Conference on the Integration of Women in Development was held in Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria, from 6 to 10 November 1984.

29. The Conference considered the implementation of strategies for the improvement of women's access to education and training in science and technology; the improvement of African women's role in the informal sector; the contribution of resources to women's programme within the context of

Africa's food and debt crises; and the status of women and children displaced because of apartheid, drought and desertification. The Conference also celebrated the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the Africa Regional Co-ordinating Committee for the Integration of Women in Development.

30. It adopted the Abuja Declaration on African women's participation in development in the 1990s.

31. Resolutions were also adopted on: African women's participation in development in the 1990s; women and apartheid; solidarity with the Namibian Government; women in global and regional strategies; follow-up of Nairobi Regional Conference and the implementation of the Abuja Declaration and the Africa Regional Co-ordination Committee for the Integration of Women in Development.

32./ The account of proceedings and the Abuja Declaration are found in document E/ECA/ATRCW/90.4 of 10 November 1989.

## VII. TENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS OF TRADE

33. The tenth meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Trade was held in Addis Ababa on 17 and 18 November 1989. The meeting considered issues relating to the continent's domestic intra-African and international trade; the draft Addis Ababa strategies for revitalizing Africa's trade recovery and growth in the 1990s, as well as the report of the fifth All-Africa Trade Fair and preparations for the sixth All-Africa Trade Fair.

34. With regard to consideration of Africa's trade in all its aspects, the Conference recognized that it was necessary to set certain priorities with regard to the development of trade information, direct support to trade operators in both the public and private sectors so as to revitalize intra-African and Africa's external trade.

35. As concerns the draft Addis Ababa strategies for revitalizing Africa's trade recovery and growth in the 1990s, the Conference recognized that those strategies constituted an important document intended to operationalize the effective implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action. The Conference thus resolved to defer consideration and adoption of the strategies to an extraordinary session of the Conference of African Ministers of Trade to be held at a later date.

36. The Conference adopted a resolution on the draft Addis Ababa strategies for revitalizing Africa's trade recovery and growth in the 1990s.

37. The account of proceedings as well as the resolution adopted by the Conference are contained in document E/ECA/TRADE/89.2.

## VIII. SECOND MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS OF TOURISM

38. The second meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Tourism was held in Addis Ababa on 24 and 25 November 1989. The Conference considered the report of the meeting of governmental tourism experts held from 21 to 23 November 1989. The relevant report (E/ECA/TRANS/89.6 of 6 November 1989) covers the following issues: implementation of resolutions adopted by the Windhoek Conference, joint development and promotion of tourism in Africa, hotel management and women's participation in the development of tourism in Africa.

contractual relations between hotel owners and transnational hotel management corporations in Africa and tourism manpower development in Africa. The meeting adopted seven resolutions on: the promotion of the African tourist product; African tourism year; intra-African co-operation in tourism; terms of reference of the All-African Trade Fairs Committee; human resources development, participation of women in the development of tourism in Africa; contractual relations between hotel owners and transnational hotel management corporations; and the guide for the management of small and medium-sized hotels.

39. The account of proceedings as well as details on resolutions adopted are contained in document E/ECA/TRANS/87.

## IX. SIXTH SESSION OF THE JOINT CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN PLANNERS, STATISTICIANS AND DEMOGRAPHERS

40. The sixth session of the Joint Conference of African Planners, Statisticians and Demographers was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 15 to 20 January 1990.

41. During the plenary session, the Conference considered agenda items relating to the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 1989-1990; the African Alternative Framework to Structural Adjustment Programmes for Socio-economic Recovery with Transformation (AAF-SAPs); progress report on the follow-up of AAF-SAPs; and technical assistance in planning, statistics, demography and data processing.

42. The Planning Committee focused on the agenda items concerning: the ECA socio-economic model for AAF-SAPs; study of AAF-SAP policy instruments; harmonization and co-ordination of national development plans at the sub-regional level; the African Institute for Economic Development (IDEP); and ECA's 1988-1989 work programme.

43. The Statistics Committee considered agenda items relating to the integrated approach to statistical development; implementation programmes for Africa's environmental statistics; indicators for the follow-up of progress accomplished in respect of social objectives to be attained during the 1990s; the UNDP/World Bank/ECA project on the collection of data on development programmes and aid flows; implementation of the Statistics Division's 1988-1989 work programme; consideration of the approved 1990-1991 work programme and consideration of the draft 1992-1993 work programme and the 1992-1997 draft medium-term plan.

44. The Demography Committee considered: evaluation of data per age group and sex and censuses in Africa; evaluation of national experiences in respect of the implementation of population policies in ECA member States in the light of the Kilimanjaro Programme of Action; roles relating to mother-and-child health programmes and family planning; closely linked determinants and socio-economic correlations which affect fertility; the report on PRODEV, PIMS and CERPOD as well as population activities carried out during 1988-1989; consideration of the approved 1990-1991 work programme, the draft 1992-1993 work programme, and the 1992-1997 medium-term plan.

45. The Information Science Committee considered agenda items relating to progress achieved in the establishment of national, sub-regional and institutional centres which participate in the PADIS network; PADIS activities

during 1986-1989; consideration of the approved 1990-1991 work programme, the draft 1992-1993 work programme and the 1992-1997 medium-term plan.

46. The Joint Conference adopted resolutions concerning improvement in the flow of information in the African region; the future of African demographic training institutes; and the Statistical Development Programme in Africa in the 1990s.

47. The account of proceedings of the Joint Conference as well as resolutions adopted are contained in document E/ECA/PDD.6/2 of 30 January 1990.